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1. A FOUR-MEMBER INDIAN SHIPPING DELEGATION HEADED BY
S.R. PRASAD, REGIONAL DIRECTOR, SHIPPING CORPORATION OF
INDIA, CALCUTTA, LEFT BOMBAY ON FEBRUARY 4 ON A FOUR
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WEEK TOUR OF SRI LANKA, SINGAPORE, MALAYSIA, INDONESIA,

THAILAND, BURMA AND BANGLADESH. THE DELEGATION WILL INVESTIGATE POSSIBILITIES OF FORMING A REGIONAL SHIPPING

CONFERENCE COMPRISING THE NATIONAL LINES OF SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES. THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE MISSION ARE: R.H. NARECHANIA, GENERAL MANAGER OF MALABAR STEAMSHIP COMPANY, DR. H.B. DESAI FROM INDIAN INSTITUTE OF FOREIGN TRADE, AND A.R. VASAVADA, SECRETARY OF INDIA/ SRI LANKA/BANGLADESH/BURMA CONFERENCE.

2. AN OFFICIAL OF SCINDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, THE LARGEST PRIVATE SECTOR SHIPPING LINE IN THE COUNTRY, TOLD A CONGEN REPRESENTATIVE THAT GOI HAS ENCOURAGED THE MOVE TO SET UP A REGIONAL SHIPPING CONFERENCE TO COVER THE INTRA-REGIONAL TRADE OF COUNTRIES IN SOUTH AND SOUTH-EAST ASIA IN THE CONTEXT OF MULTI-LATERAL TRADE AGREEMENTS ON TRADE AND PREFERENCES RECENTLY CONCLUDED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF ESCAP IN BANGKOK. GOI MINISTER OF STATE FOR

SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT, H.M. TRIVDI HAS URGED THAT SHIPPING TRADE IN SOUTH AND SOUTH-EAST ASIAN REGION SHOULD BE CARRIED ON AS FAR AS POSSIBLE IN SHIPS BELONGING TO THESE COUNTRIES. IN VIEW OF THIS, THE SCINDIA OFFICIAL SAID, SHIPPING LINES OF COUNTRIES FROM OUTSIDE THE REGION WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM THE CONFERENCE, WHICH, IT IS HOPED, WILL BE FORMED WITHIN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS.

3. THE PROPOSED CONFERENCE WOULD PROVIDE REGULAR SHIPPING SERVICES FOR THE PROMOTION OF INTRA-REGIONAL TRAFFIC AND EVOLVE A PROMOTIONAL FREIGHT TARIFF BASED ON COST OF OPERATION OF SHIPS OF THE NATIONAL LINES OF THE REGION. THE DELEGATION IS EXPECTED TO MEET WITH SHIPPING LINES, SHIPPERS COUNCILS AND GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES IN THE COUNTRIES ON ITS ITINERARY. SIGNED COURTNEY UNQUOTESAXBE

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